

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A process comprising treating a colored sugar juice with a monodisperse anion exchanger having bead polymer spheres with a diameter ranging from 0.45 to 55 mm, and decolorizing the sugar juice.

2. (Originally Presented) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the monodisperse anion exchanger is selected from the group consisting of micro-porous bead polymers, gel-type bead polymers and macroporous bead polymers.

3. (Originally Presented) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the monodisperse anion exchangers are functionalized with primary or tertiary amino groups or quaternary amino groups or their mixtures.

4. (Originally Presented) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the monodisperse anion exchangers are crosslinked polymers of ethylenically monounsaturated monomers.

5. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the treating of the colored juice comprises (i) flushing monodisperse anion exchangers into a heatable glass filter tube, (ii) heating the system from about 20°C to about 100°C, (iii) filtering the aqueous sugar solution to be decolorized via the adsorber resin bed in the loading direction from top to bottom or in reverse flow direction, and (iv) draining off adsorber resin with deionized water and finally, (v) regenerating the adsorber resin.

6. (Originally Presented) A decolorized juice obtained by the process of Claim 1.

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